



## MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

**Description of proposal:** Late rotational thin on 414 acres of approximately 2320 Mbf of State Timber, Choo-Choo Charlie Timber Sale, Application No. 30-078698 and Forest Practice Application No. 2703712.

**Description of mitigation:** Objectives for this proposal are to move the stands back to a more historic species composition where 60-70% of the stand will be primarily ponderosa pine and larch and no more than 40% of the stand will be short needle species. Leave trees range in size from 10" dbh to approximately 40" dbh, with a majority of the leave trees in the upper diameter classes. WRT's and GRT's have been left scattered throughout the sale area to provide structure, diversity, and future down woody debris. There are two Type Ns streams in Unit #2 that are protected with a 30' Equipment Limitation Zone (ELZ) buffer which will allow harvest activities but will restrict access for equipment and a Type Np stream that has been protected with a 50' no harvest area. There will be 2100' of new construction, 3860' of reconstruction and 3490' of abandonment of roads.

**Proponent:** State of Washington, Department of Natural Resources

**Location of proposal, including street address, if any:** Parts of Section 32 and 34, Township 20 North, Range 20 East, and parts of Section 36, Township 20 North, Range 19 East, W.M., Kittitas County, approximately 20 miles northeast of Ellensburg WA located off of the Coleman Creek road.

**Lead agency:** State of Washington, Department of Natural Resources

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.

☒ This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from September 11, 2006. Comments must be submitted by September 26, 2006

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There is no agency SEPA appeal.

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